

Strategic Plan

Purpose of amendment is to: Changes to the Strategic Plan Section of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan with regard to the Economic Development Goal – changing the priority designation from a low to high in anticipation of possible CDBG-CV3 funding. Only the sections of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan with changes ready for publication for the March 8, 2021 Public Hearing are provided below.

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

This section of the Consolidated Plan describes the Village of Arlington Heights’ strategy for addressing the community development needs of the Village. The Village intends to use CDBG and other types of Federal funding (if available) to address the housing and other community development needs of its extremely low, low, and moderate income residents. Village General Funds will also continue to be used to support activities of the Department of Planning & Community Development, Building and Health Services Department, and other departments engaged in programs that benefit the extremely low, low, and moderate income persons residing in the Village. The Village will also seek private financing for projects, when appropriate, to match and extend the use of government funds. Finally, the Village will work with and support the work of the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) to make improvements to its public housing building in Arlington Heights and other actions agreed upon and expressed in the HACC’s Plans.

7	Priority Need Name	Economic Development
	Priority Level	Low High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Municipality
	Associated Goals	Economic Development

	Description	Economic development is a high priority of the Village. However, at this time, it is not proposed that CDBG funds be used to support Village economic development activities, and therefore, as per HUD instructions with respect to the Consolidated Plan, economic development is assigned a low priority for CDBG funding. The Village is investigating economic development activities that it may propose receive funding through the CDBG program at which time the priority level with respect to CDBG funding would be changed to high. See the March 2021 amendment in the narrative section below.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Although economic development is a high priority of the Village, it is listed as a low priority in the Plan at this time because no CDBG funds for economic development have been budgeted. Economic development is a high priority of the Village Board and was a high priority as reflected in the community survey. See the March 2021 amendment in the narrative section below.
8	Priority Need Name	Infrastructure
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Municipality
	Associated Goals	Infrastructure
	Description	Infrastructure is a high priority of the Village. Infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, the installation, replacement, or improvement of roads, sidewalks, buildings, etc. Infrastructure needs funded with CDBG funds will take place in low and moderate income census tracts or for the benefit of persons with disabilities.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Infrastructure is a high priority of the Village. This priority area is discussed in the Village's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Narrative (Optional)

In this Strategic Plan, the Village prioritizes various needs in the community that impact extremely low, low and moderate income individuals and households as either high or low priorities. These priority designations indicate whether the Village plans to dedication Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), or other Federal funding that may be received, to these priority needs.

High Priority - Means that the Village recognizes that there are community needs in this need area that can be effectively addressed using the Village's CDBG allocation.

Low Priority - Means that the Village does not intend, unless additional information is gathered or opportunities arise, to dedicate CDBG funds to the need area. A low priority designation does not necessarily mean that the need does not exist or that there is a low level of need. Rather, a low priority designation means that the Village does not intend to utilize CDBG funding to address the need. The need may be addresses by the Village using non-federal funds or funds other than CDBG funds.

2019: Substantial amendments were adopted in 2019 moving funding from the Single Family Owner Occupied Rehab program as well as other funds (such as program income) to program areas with greater demand for funding including rental rehab, public facilities and public infrastructure. This occurred due to the decline in participation in the Single Family Rehab Program during the first 4 years of this Consolidated Plan. Additionally, various homeless groups were added to the populations of persons who may benefit from public facility program. This was a result in increase non-profit agency efforts in this area including the potential for constructing a new homeless service center and transitional or permanent housing.

March 2021 Amendment for CDBG-CV3 Grant:

The Strategic Plan of the Village's 2105-2019 Consolidated Plan included Economic Development as a Goal, and the Village stated that it would consider funding an Economic Development program(s) if a funding source became available. In 2020, the Village received a CDBG-CV3 CARES Act grant for Coronavirus prevention, response and prevention. The Village may institute an Economic Development program(s) using these funds. The Village had said in its 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan that if the Village decided to use funds for an Economic Development program it would change the priority ranking for Economic Development from "low" to "high." This change does not meet the definition of a substantial amendment since the Economic Development goal is not new to the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Details on the funding for an Economic Development program(s) using CDBG-CV3 funds (if any) will be included in a substantial amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan.